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To One at Rest.

BY THE AUTHOR OF THE SCHWIMM-GOTTA FAMILY.

And needest thou thy prayers more, safe folded 'mid the bloom'd?

How changed art thou since last we met to keep the day of rest! Yet, though the months of angel's wings, with the growth of years, For we have passed since thou hast gone a week of many years, And thou has passed a week in Heaven, a week without us other,

They rules made while in Jesus' tomb, all glorious within.

We shall miss thee of a thousand turns along life's weary track;

Not a sorrow or a joy, but we shall long to call thee back.

Years to thy spirit and gentle heart, long thy bright smile to see;

For many dear and true are left, none are quite like these?

And even now to all our life a deeper tone is given,

For a playmate of our childhood has entered into Heaven.

How wise, and great, and glorious, thy gentle soul has grown!

Loving as thou art loved by God, knowing as they art known!

Yet in that world thus early set for those thou lov'dst in this!

The rich man is left in torment, and will not think in bliss?

For sitting in the Saviour's feet, and in His love, Surely that's not bad; but the poor human frame,

Human, and not angelic, the form He designs to wear,

And to me, the likeness that shall bear.

At rest are all the charms of life from their sight—wishes dead,

From the tumultuous hopes of earth, and from its aching fears;

Rest and quiet now to us is thy familiar name.

High is thy sphere above us now, and yet in this the same;

Together do we watch and wait for that long-promised day,

When the voice that rends the walls shall call, "Arise and come away."

My spirit is pale, repined, winter and night are past,

And the sound of singing and of light has come to these at last?

When the Family is gathered, and the Father's home complete,

And we are then beloved in our Father's smile shall meet.

—Selected.

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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Easter Sunday—The Celebration in the Churches—Social and Business Gossip—Personal.

NEW YORK, April 1, 1869.

Passion Week has been celebrated this year with more than usual solemnity. The increase of the Roman Catholic element gives annually more and more splendor to the various religious festivals of this season of the year. It may yet happen that travelers will come to New York as now they go to Rome to spend the Holy Week.

Let me picture for you some of the observances of the present Easter Season, as they have come under my notice, beginning with the "black week," or the week before Easter.

The principal solemnities of this week began on Wednesday, on which the two following days the office of the "Tenebrae" was performed in the various Catholic churches. On Maundy Thursday (so called from the mounds or baskets in which the King of England formerly distributed charities on this day,) the great church of St. Stephen's, the largest and most numerously attended place of worship in New York, was kept open until a late hour in the evening. The altar toward the right hand transcept was ornamented with a well-known physician of this city. A more imposing spectacle is seldom presented at a wedding in a democratic country than Grace Church afforded on this occasion. It was filled with elegant toilettes and full dress uniform, and young Loyall looked, with his bride, upon more equestrian and swords than he had ever seen together before except upon a dress-parade. The show pageant passed away in an hour and left the young Lieutenant with a bribe in addition to his hundred dollars a month and his prospect of camp life, which must have seemed at that moment less attractive than ever before.

On the same day the funeral of ex-Mayor James Harper, of the Harper Brothers firm, was held at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church. Friends of the writer, sitting in their library windows, saw the incident by which he was killed, his carriage being overtaken in Fifth avenue near the corner of Fifty-second street. It is a strange commentary on the insecurity of American life that a casualty like this should occur in the most fashionable thoroughfare of our most civilized city, caused by the obstructions which our builders are allowed to keep up in the streets. Piles of mortar, brick and building stone blockade our best streets and avenues, endangering the life and the property of all who drive in the highways. Accidents from falling materials of construction are of constant occurrence in the vicinity of buildings in process of erection. Mrs. Trollope or Dickens, visiting New York to-day, would almost be justified in declaring that in America the bricklayers are accustomed to amuse themselves while working by aiming bricks from a great height at the heads of people in the street, knowing that the juror, in such cases, invariably bring in verdicts of "accidental death."

Arnold & Constable's immense new building upon Broadway has just been completed and thrown open to business. The occasion was celebrated by the gift of a suit of clothes to each of the many clerks in the establishment. All the employees of this generous firm are provided with lunch in the building—a sign of considerateness toward employees which is quite a novel and pleasant exception to the usual hardness of the New York millionaire. Stewart's recent gifts, of one of the lights around the altar, was not performed as usual upon this day; but on Good Friday it was celebrated at the same church in the evening, after a long discourse in English from a rather tiresome preacher. The crowd was great on both occasions.

At St. Alban's (Reformed Catholic or Anglican) the services upon this day were after the following elaborate order:

At 9 a. m., Matins, Litany, Reparations, Prophetic Services, with Sermons.

Service on the Three-hours' Agony at 12:30 p. m.

Even-song and Sermons at 7:30 p. m.

The little chapel was crowded during the three hours service, which consisted of scriptural readings, sermon and hymns. During the singing of the hymn "Rock of Ages," the choir stopped at the third verse, and the chapel bell tolled during the pause with a peculiar and startling effect. Singing was resumed in about a minute. The interior of St. Alban's was hung with drapery during the day; and both on Friday and Saturday solemn services were held in this and in the Catholic Churches.

Easter Sunday fell on the 28th of March. The earliest possible day on which it can fall, in any year, is the 22d of March; and the latest, the 25th of April. It fell on the first-mentioned date in 1815, and will not occur again upon that day until A. D. 2885. The present rule, ordaining that Easter should be kept on the Sunday which falls upon, or next after, the first full moon after the vernal equinox, was established as long ago as the first Council of Nice, held in the year 325. The very antiquity of this festival gives to it a certain charm in the eyes of those who observe it; but, to invert an old proverb, it must be a good wind that blows nobody any ill: Easter itself was in old times a black day for one class of European citizens—the Hebrews. In the reign of Charlemagne, 800-814 A. D., a custom was instituted in the city of Toulouse that at Easter no Christian might box the ears of a Jew whether he chanced to meet him, to show his con-

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hostility.

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